

810-5-1-.227.01 Issuance of Manufacturer License Plates. **(REPEALED)**

(1) When examining the "Application for Manufacturer License Plates" (Form # MV 40-12-264B), Taxpayer Service Center personnel will check to ascertain if all required data has been provided by the applicant. If information necessary for the issuance of the manufacturer license plates is either missing or illegible, the application shall be returned for completion by the applicant.

(2) Payment to the Taxpayer Service Center for manufacturer license plates shall be by certified funds (money order, cashier's or certified check). Cash will be accepted at the Taxpayer Service Center; currency sent through the mail is deemed to be at sender's risk.

(3) Section 40-12-264(k) provides that manufacturer license plates shall be surrendered upon termination of business. If a corporate entity changes its legal name, the appropriate Taxpayer Service Center shall be notified by the corporation, and a new registration receipt issued which reflects the new name of the corporation.

(4) Any registrant reporting that a manufacturer license plate is lost or stolen shall complete Form # MVR 40-12-264A, and pay the \$2.00 replacement fee provided under Section 40-12-265, Code of Alabama 1975, per replacement manufacturer license plate sought. Also in accordance with Section 40-12-265(b), should the manufacturer license plate reported as lost or stolen be recovered, or come into the possession of the registrant, the registrant must immediately deliver same to the Taxpayer Service Center where issued. Should any person use a manufacturer license plate which was reported as lost or stolen, such person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, shall be fined in accordance with Section 40-12-265(a). If a manufacturer license plate(s) is lost in the mail when shipped to the registrant, the appropriate Taxpayer Service Center shall be responsible for issuing replacement manufacturer license plates at no charge; provided, that the registrant shall provide documentation that the license plate(s) was not received.

(5) Any applicant who is denied the issuance of a manufacturer license plate (or the number of manufacturer license plates sought) may appeal the denial to the Administrative Law Judge in accordance with Section 40-2A-8, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended.

(6) In addition to the imposition of the penalties provided in Section 40-12-264(l), anyone found using manufacturer license plates contrary to the provisions of Section 40-12-264 will be subject to arrest and prosecution under the provisions of Section 32-6-65, Code of Alabama 1975.

(7) Section 40-12-264(i), Code of Alabama 1975, provides that the manufacturer license plate shall be "used for transporting and testing new vehicles or manufactured homes owned by the manufacturer." Accordingly, the manufacturer may not loan or convey a manufacturer license plate for any use other than as authorized by said section.

(8) Manufacturer license plates may be issued to motor vehicle manufacturers, to motor vehicle manufacturers' subsidiaries, to manufactured

home manufacturers, or to motor vehicle component part manufacturers located in this state who receive from a motor vehicle manufacturer (located within or without this state) motor vehicles that are to be tested by personnel employed by a manufacturer, a manufacturer's subsidiary, or component parts manufacturer located in this state. Use of the manufacturer license plates shall be limited to testing and transporting the motor vehicles, which includes use of the vehicles by the employees and/or authorized representatives of a manufacturer, manufacturer's subsidiary, or component part manufacturer.

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